



URBAN DISTRICT OF PRESCOT

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for

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PRESCOT URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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The Chairman and Members of
The Prescott Urban District Council

Mr Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Prescott Urban District for the year ended 31st December, 1971.

I am happy to report that the health of the Community has remained satisfactory during the year.

The adjusted birth rate of 17.3 shows an increase compared with the previous year and was greater than the rate for England and Wales which was 16.0. There were 230 live births compared with 218 in 1970.

The adjusted death rate was 13.4 per 1,000. The infant mortality rate was 9 per 1,000 live births compared with 23 per 1,000 during the previous year. It is the lowest rate recorded in Prescott during the last 6 years.

I am happy to report that there were no maternal deaths.


During the year there were 61 cases of Infectious Diseases, of these 32 were Measles. There were no deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The increase in the number of Improvement Grants which have been approved is gratifying when it is appreciated that one of the problems in Prescott has been the large number of older houses. The provision of bathrooms, damp-proofing, together with other improvements, will contribute greatly to the health and comfort of the occupiers.

I would like to acknowledge the help and co-operation received from both the Officers of the Council and from Members of the Health and Housing Committees.

I am Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant

F. W. Bunting.



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GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of the Urban District, in Acres	875
Population of Census, 1961	13,077
Registrar General's Estimate of resident population, mid 1971	12,650
Number of inhabited houses end of 1971	4,362
Rateable Value	£661,908
Sum represented by the Penny Rate	£6,347

Extracts from the Vital Statistics of the Year
(Registrar General)

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
Legitimate	116	101	217	
Illegitimate	<u>5</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>13</u>	
	<u>121</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>230</u>	
Live Births Rates per 1,000 population :—				
	<u>PRESCOT U.D.C.</u>	<u>ENGLAND & WALES</u>		
Crude Rate	18.2	16.0		
Adjusted Rate	17.3	16.0		
Mortality Rates per 1,000 population:—				
<u>Total (all forms)</u>	<u>PRESCOT U.D.C.</u>	<u>ENGLAND & WALES</u>		
Crude Rate	11.1	11.6		
Adjusted Rate	13.4	11.6		
	<u>PRESCOT U.D.C.</u>	<u>ENGLAND & WALES</u>		
Still birth rate per 1,000 total births	17	12		
Infant Mortality rate per 1,000 total births	9	18		
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (under 4 weeks)	9	12		
Early Neo-natal (under 1 week) mortality rate per 1,000 live births	4	10		
<u>Analysis of Deaths</u>		<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Still births	Legitimate	1	2	3
	Illegitimate	—	1	1
Maternal deaths				
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age				
	Legitimate	1	1	2
	Illegitimate	—	—	—
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age				
	Legitimate	1	1	2
	Illegitimate	—	—	—
Deaths of infants under 1 week of age				
	Legitimate	—	1	1
	Illegitimate	—	—	—

CAUSES OF DEATH IN PRESCOT URBAN DISTRICT, 1971

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Other Tuberculosis	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	2	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	2
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	—	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms	2	1
Diabetes Mellitus	—	1
Other Endocrine etc , diseases	1	—
Multiple Sclerosis	—	1
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	—	3
Hypertensive Disease	1	—
Ischaemic Heart Disease	16	22
Other forms of Heart Disease	2	3
Cerebrovascular Disease	11	9
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	7
Influenza	1	—
Pneumonia	8	4
Bronchitis and Emphysema	7	1
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	2
Peptic Ulcer	1	—
Appendicitis	—	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	—	2
Other Diseases of Digestive System	—	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	—
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	1	1
Other causes of perinatal Mortality	1	—
Symptoms and ill defined conditions	—	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	2
All other Accidents	1	1

Total All Causes 141

COMPARISON of VITAL STATISTICS for the PERIOD 1966-1971

Live Births		Deaths (all cases)		Stillbirths		Maternal Mortality		Infant Mortality			
								Total	Rate	No. of	Neo-Natal
No. registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 pop'n	No. registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 total births	No. of deaths registered	per 1,000 live births	deaths registered	Rate per 1,000 live births
Year 1971	230	141	11.1	4	17	NIL	NIL	2	9	2	9
Year 1970	218	152	11.6	2	9	NIL	NIL	5	23	4	18
Year 1969	119	154	11.7	1	4	NIL	NIL	7	32	2	18
Year 1968	218	161	12.1	3	14	NIL	NIL	6	28	6	28
Year 1967	239	162	12.1	4	16	NIL	NIL	7	29	4	16.7
Year 1966	261	148	13.7	3	19.7	NIL	NIL	7	26.8	6	23.0
Average 5 years 1966-1970	211	155	12.2	3	12.5	NIL	NIL	6	27.7	4	20.7
Adjusted											(live birth-rate (comparability factor, 0.95). (death-rate (comparability factor, 1.21)).

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE NOTIFIED DURING 1971

DISEASE	TOTAL	UNDER 1 YEAR	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25+	AGE UNKNOWN
Measles	32	4	3	4	6	1	12	2	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	16	-	-	-	1	2	7	2	2	1	1
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Typhoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning (suspected)	7	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	1	-
Whooping Cough	3	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
Menigococcal Infection , ,	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis Respiratory . .	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Infective Jaundice	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The water supply for the District is obtained from the Corporation of Liverpool and has been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Two samples of water were taken from the only swimming baths in the area, and submitted for bacteriological examination. The Public Health Laboratory report on the samples was that they were satisfactory.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The District has adequate facilities to a sewage works using hydrolytic tanks and bacterial filters.

CLOSET AND ACCOMMODATION

There are no privy middens or pail closets existing in the area, all households have adequate waterclosets.

HOUSING

During the year the local authority completed the erection of 101 flats; no houses were erected in the private sector.

No house in the area is used as a common lodging house.

There are no moveable dwellings or camping sites in the area.

During the year, the number of inspections of premises were as follows:—

Number of premises visited	1071
Number of Visits	1711
Number of Defects or Nuisances	293
Number of Defects and Nuisances abated	287
Number of Notices served — Informal	93
Number of Notices served — Statutory	4

INSPECTIONS OF DWELLINGS DURING THE YEAR

1.	(a) Total number of dwellings inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	251
	(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose.	505
	(c) Number of dwellings found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit.	293
2.	Number of dwellings existing at the end of the year which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which,	
	(a) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made.	116
	(b) Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made.	Nil
3.	Houses demolished:—	
	(a) In or adjoining Clearance Areas being unfit for human habitation.	Nil
	(b) Not in or adjoining Clearance Areas but as a result of action under Section 16 or 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957.	Nil
4.	Unfit House Closed under Section 16 (4), Section 17 (1) and Section 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26, Housing Act 1961.	Nil
5.	Unfit houses made fit:—	
	(a) By the owner after informal action.	93
	(b) After formal notice under Public Health Acts.	4
	(c) After determination of a demolition order under Section 24 Housing Act 1957.	1
6.	Purchase of Houses by agreement, in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed orders or compulsory purchase orders.	7

CLEARANCE PROGRAMME

Confirmation was received, following Public Enquiry, of the Clearance Order and Compulsory Purchase Order for Mines Avenue and Sutherland Road.

No other area was represented during the year.

HOUSING ACT, 1969

<u>IMPROVEMENT GRANTS</u>	<u>OWNER/OCCUPIER</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
1. Applications submitted by private individuals	67	Nil
2. Number approved	67	Nil
3. Number completed during year	19	Nil
4. Amount of grant paid	£14,692	Nil

STANDARD GRANTS

1. Applications submitted by private individuals	39	3
2. Number approved	39	3
3. Number completed during the year	46	1
4. Amount of grant paid	£12,713	

An initial survey of 160 houses was made of a proposed general improvement area and agreed to in principle by Council – Grants for individual houses were approved and work was commenced during the year.

Grant applications increased tremendously during the year due to the publicity given to the Housing Act 1969, and to the higher grants of 75% permitted under the Housing Act 1971.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The following is a list of food premises in the district:—

Grocers	50
Green Grocers	15
Fishmongers	1
Butchers	17
Bakers and Confectioners	8
Fried fish shops	8
Ice cream, sweets, confectionery	21
Licensed premises, restaurants, etc.	20

Detailed inspections of all these premises have been carried out.

These were 7 suspected cases of food poisoning during the year, but none of these were confirmed as positive.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED PREMISES

Offices	24
Retail Shops	90
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	Nil
Catering establishments, canteens	20
Fuel storage depots	Nil

NUMBER OF NEWLY REGISTERED PREMISES DURING THE YEAR

Offices	Nil
Retail Shops	Nil
Catering establishments, canteens	1

NUMBER OF VISITS TO PREMISES – 114

ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Offices	420
Retail Shops	495
Catering establishments, canteens	59

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health

<u>PREMISES</u>	<u>NUMBER ON</u> <u>REGISTER</u>	<u>INSPECTIONS</u>	<u>NOTICES</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced.	Nil	Nil	Nil
Factories in which Section 7 is enforced.	20	15	Nil
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced.	Nil	Nil	Nil

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND				
PARTICULARS	FOUND	REMEDIED	REFERENCE	
			To H.M.	By H.M.
Sanitary conveniences unsuitable or defective.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

No prosecutions were instituted during the year
There are no registered out-workers in the area.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Three Smoke Control Orders are in force in the area involving 1,141 premises and covering some 123.52 acres. There were no Orders submitted to the Ministry during the current year.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1961

Six investigations were made following complaints of noise. Two of these concerned noise from a factory where a particular machine was found to be the cause. Two complaints concerned dogs barking; another was a domestic noise in a flat and another was the result of the activities of an adjacent garage.

Noise caused by pneumatic drills being used in the public streets continues to be troublesome. Contractors are aware that sound insulation jackets are available for the drills and that these reduce the noise considerably.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Total number of complaints of rat sightings in or around premises	57
Number of visits	167
Total number of complaints of mice infestations	42
Number of visits	106

10% of the sewer manholes were baited with warfarin and no takes of the bait recorded. This reflects the treatment of the sewers last year with the acute acting poison, fluroracetamide.

